

## IN THE INITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

pplication of:

Robert G. Heitel

Application No.: 09/843,044

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: **AUTOMATIC LASER WELD** 

> MACHINE FOR ASSEMBLING PHOTONIC COMPONENTS

Examiner: Samuel M. Heinrich

Art Group: 1725

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement requesting an election between claims 1-113 (Groups I and II) and claims 114-116 (Group III). The Examiner further states that if Groups I and II are elected, then the applicant must further elect between the Species in claims 1-28 and 29-113.

The Applicant hereby elects Claims 29-113 (Group II), without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

**IRELL & MANELLA LLP** 

RECEIVED

DEC 2 3 2002

TC 1700

Dated: December 13, 2002

Reg. No. 33,609

840 Newport Center Drive, Suite 400 Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-760-0991

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 13, 2002.

Atty No. 155603-0177

617412

-1-